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CAMPAIGN FINANCE DIVISION

☒ WAIVER REQUEST

☐ RECONSIDERATION REQUEST

DATE: 7/26/2021

DOCKET #:

FILER INFORMATION

Name: Royce Duplessis
Office: State Representative, 93rd Representative District
Parish: ORLEANS
Election Date: 1/1/3000
Level of Office: District

REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: ANN2020
Original Due Date: 2/18/2021
Date Filed: 4/16/2021
Activity Receipts: \$18,687.37
Expenditures: \$23,822.19
Funds at Close of Reporting Period: \$51,056.90

LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$2,000
Days Late: 57
Late Fee Order Received: 6/22/2021
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 7/12/2020
Waiver Request Received: 6/23/2021
Additional Information Requested:

- Medical
- Financial
- Other

COMMENTS: Ashton Jackson, campaign treasurer: The report was prepared and reviewed on time by him - Ashton M. Jackson, Campaign Treasurer. As it has been done with every report required and submitted since 2018, it was strongly believed the 2020 Annual Report was submitted on time, the evening of 2/18/21. On 4/16/21, it was brought to his attention that the report was not listed on the Board of Ethics website. After an intensive review, it was discovered that the report was still sitting in the Leaders portal, not filed. The report was then filed immediately. They respectfully ask that the \$2,000 fine be partially or fully waived or deferred contingent on future compliance. I have reviewed and tweaked our reporting process to avoid this matter from happening again in the future. We apologize for any inconvenience.

OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

Campaign Finance:

Other Outstanding Reports: No
Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
Prior Late Fees: Yes
Reassessed Late Fees: No

Disclosure Statements:

Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
Prior Late Fees: No

June 11, 2021

Louisiana Board of Ethics
PO Box 4368
Baton Rouge, LA. 70821

RE: Late fee assessment for 2020 Annual Campaign Finance Disclosure Report

Dear Melissa Horn,

A late penalty of \$2,000 was assessed to the Campaign to Elect Royce Duplessis for the untimely submission of the 2020 Annual Report. It was received 57 days from the due date, 2/18/21 (extended from 2/17/21 due to the winter storm impacting SE Louisiana). The report was prepared and reviewed on time by me - Ashton M. Jackson, Campaign Treasurer. As it has been done with every report required and submitted since 2018, it was strongly believed the 2020 Annual Report was submitted on time, the evening of 2/18/21.

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The Campaign to Elect Royce Duplessis has submitted every report on time since its inception. The untimely submission of the 2020 Annual Report was a mistake that was quickly rectified when discovered. In no way was it done to mislead the public, the Board, or any other interested party. The Committee to Elect Duplessis has taken supreme pride in operating within the guidelines set forth by the Board of Ethics since its inception. Our sole mission is to support one of Louisiana's bright stars as he elevate our great state to newer and better heights. We carefully and strategically use the funds from our contributors to accomplish this.

Furthermore, we respectfully ask that the \$2,000 fine be partially or fully waived or deferred contingent on future compliance. I have reviewed and tweaked our reporting process to avoid this matter from happening again in the future. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Ashton M. Jackson

Melissa Horn

From: Ashton M. Jackson <amjacct@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 23, 2021 10:08 AM
To: Melissa Horn
Subject: Committee to Elect Royce Duplessis penatly contest
Attachments: RD_BOA_2020 Annual Report.docx

EXTERNAL EMAIL: Please do not click on links or attachments unless you know the content is safe.

Hey Melissa, thanks for taking my call. Attached is the letter that was faxed to 225-381-7271 requesting the Board to reconsider the penalty that was assessed to the Committee for the untimely submission of the 2020 Annual Report. I'll go to Office Depot around lunch today to see what they can retrieve as proof. I'll contact you immediately.

Thanks!

-Ashton

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AMJ Accounting Services, LLC
7809 Edward Street
New Orleans, La. 70126

Melissa Horn

From: Ashton M. Jackson <amjacct@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 25, 2021 5:03 PM
To: Melissa Horn
Subject: Re: Committee to Elect Royce Duplessis penatly contest

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Hey Melissa, I spoke with Office Depot earlier today. My fax on 6/11/21 should've come from 504-482-6822 (this is Office Depots fax number). Can you check your records for anything received from that number between 1130a-12p on 6/11/21 from?

Best,
Ashton
(Unedited)
Sent from my iPhone

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